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PRIC

Building Construction In Town Soaring

As never before, Building construction in Wilmington is soaring. 1953 saw a veritable building boom, not necessarily in the number of buildings, but in the valuation of them. A few years ago, houses were being built in this town with a declared valuation of \$3,000. Now, the average for dwellings is probably around \$11,000. Permits for 170 new dwellings were taken out in 1953, all of which were single dwellings, and the majority of them built for the people who intend to live in them. There was some speculative building but the percentage was not large. Total declared valuation of the 170 dwellings was \$1,659,300, which valuation is low, according to competent observers.

The largest building, for which a permit was taken out, during the year, was the new school on Wildwood street. Being built for the town by the Poorvu Construction Company of Boston, its declared value is \$498,000. At the same time, another building for the town, the new fire and police station on Church street, is declared at \$65,000. Contractor for the new station was Whelan and Dumais, of Boston.

A report by the town Building Inspector, Ernest B. Rice, now in preparation, will show that permits for 1953 totaled \$2,653,490—the largest in any year of the town's history, and almost twice that of last year. 1952 permits totaled \$1,343,955, and 1953 permits totaled \$2,653,490. That is the story of 1953, as far as Wilmington is concerned.

Broken down into classifications, the building inspector's figures are:

170 New Dwellings,	\$1,659,300.00
51 Alterations,	50,040.00
24 Garages,	18,700.00
10 Store Buildings,	49,600.00
6 Gas Stations,	40,500.00
7 Tool Sheds,	2,950.00
6 Manufacturing Buildings,	271,400.00
2 Town Buildings,	563,000.00
Total,	\$2,653,490.00

An inspection of these figures will show that the program is fairly well balanced. There are substantial fig-

ures in each classification, and there are manufacturing plants, as well as new homes.

The third largest classification, in the building inspector's report, is that of manufacturing buildings, which the total value, declared, is \$271,400. Largest is the new Russell Corporation plant, on Burlington avenue, declared at \$175,000. The building is being erected by R. G. Hoag, of Saugus.

The National Polychemical Company plant, on Eames street, with a total declared value of \$75,000. In this there were two permits, totaling \$65,000 plant, and \$10,000 for the re-erecting of a fire damaged building.

Three new buildings, for storage and similar purposes, were erected by Raffi and Swanson, on street, with a total declared value of \$14,800. The new Grasolo building, off Church street was declared at \$4,000.

Stores and houses were also improved. According to the inspector's figures, the value of improvements, totaling \$49,600, and alterations, totaling \$2,950, were determined. During the year, the true increase in building was determined.

It is figures of the year's increase in building, as far as Wilmington is concerned.

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REVISED MINE DETECTOR NO HELP TO CATTLE

Here is one case where advances in modern science have proved a handicap to veterinarians.

Early model army mine detectors have been used successfully to detect metal which cattle have swallowed. However, later versions of these mine detectors proved to be of little value.

Veterinary medical authorities explained this week that the more recent detectors were designed to spot differences in the earth's densities so Japanese mines made from clay could be located. But the detectors are worthless for finding metal.

Veterinary research has demonstrated that a combination of canine distemper and infectious hepatitis in dogs produces a much more serious disease alone. The occurrence of the two diseases at the same time in dogs is not uncommon.

The polio prevention program for 1954 will cost the March of Dimes \$26,500,000 in addition to the regular expense of patient aid, scientific research and professional education.

CURRIER CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Ralph Currier, of Boutwell street, Moderator of Wilmington, announced that he will be a candidate for re-election at the time of the March elections.

BLACK TO RUN FOR SELECTMAN

Charles H. Black, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, announced Monday night that he will be a candidate for re-election, in the spring elections.

LYONS DOES NOT CHOOSE TO RUN

Kenneth M. Lyons, Andover street, member of the Board of Selectmen, and former chairman has announced that he will not be a candidate for the office, in 1954. Mr. Lyons stated that he believes he has held the office long enough, and that it is time for some other person to step in and do his part.

APPLEBY IN HOSPITAL

Irving Appleby, Butters Row, has returned to the New England Sanatorium, in Stoneham, where he underwent another operation last Monday.

TM SPEAKS AT BALDWIN CLUB

TM Cushing spoke to the members of the Baldwin Civic Association, last night, in an informal talk about the future of the Town of Wilmington.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES RECEIVE 4,000 CASES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM UNITED STATES

New York — Almost 4,000 cases of medical supplies were sent overseas during the past year, it was announced here at the annual meeting of the Catholic Medical Mission Board.

Totalling 111,964 pounds, the 3,615 cases of supplies went to 107 communities in 64 countries, Board President Rev. Edward F. Garesche reported. The material included three million tablets of D.D.S. for leprosy, 213,000 tablets of Daraprim for malaria, and over twenty-two million gauze compresses made by members of Red Cross Circles throughout the country.

HORMONES INFLUENCE MILK PRODUCTION

At least three different hormones have an influence on the secretion of milk by dairy cows, but no benefit can be expected from their use unless the cow's supply of these hormones is inadequate.

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Wilmington High School, this year, is having a series of "Career" days, in which the students are able to talk and ask questions of persons who are qualified to discuss their particular careers. The school authorities have inaugurated a practice of having a number of these days, with a few speakers on each occasion, rather than setting aside one day, as was formerly done, and having all the speakers present at the same time. They believe that the pupils can get more individual attention, from the new method.

January 5th was a career day, in Wilmington High School. A large number of the young ladies were in room 206, at 10 a.m. to listen to Miss Jessie Steward, assistant director of the Massachusetts General Hospital speak on Nursing as a Career. In the cafeteria, at the same time, a large number of young men were talking with Doctor Arthur Leighton, Dean of the School of Engineering at Tufts College. Dr. Leighton spoke on "Engineering as a profession".

The third conference was in the Roman House at 10 a.m., where Miss Ann Keefe, salary administrator of William Filenes Sons Company, of Boston spoke to a number of pupils about her profession.

Harland Whittredge, Vocational Director of the high school declared himself well pleased at the interest shown by the pupils. Another career day will be held in the near future, he stated.

MORNING PRAYERS BROADCAST TO 12 STATES

Cincinnati — People in twelve states from Georgia to Oklahoma tune in to the daily recitation of morning prayers broadcast at 6:10 a.m. over Station WLW. According to letters received by the program, many of the listeners are nurses and patients in hospitals. Many listeners have written that they are saying their morning prayers for the first time as a result of the program.

The program, begun last September, broadcasts the prayers of the students of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. It opens with a seasonal hymn, and includes the recitation of the morning offering, acts of faith, hope, love and contribution, and the saying of the Angelus at the sounding of the tower bell.

The Phillies' Richie Ashburn played the role of "spoiler" twice in one week in 1953. The little speed merchant singled with one out in the fourth inning on August 1 for the one and only Phil hit off Warren Spahn as the Milwaukee ace blanked the Phillies 5-0. Five days later Ashburn led off the ninth with a single to spoil a no-hit bid by the Cardinals' Harvey Haddix. Del Ennis also singled in the ninth inning of that game in which Haddix posted a two-hit, 2-0 shutout.

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CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many friends, neighbors and town-

people who, in any way, helped us during our Thanksgiving Day tragedy, the result of which we lost our baby.

We would especially like to thank Mr. Cyril O'Connell and Mrs. Madeline Ford of Marion street, who assisted us on Thanksgiving Day, also Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Woods of Hillside Way who devoted their time taking up collections.

We are deeply grateful for everything that was done to help us.

Michael and Barbara Stack and Family

WRIGLEY FIELD "PARADISE" FOR SCHOENDIENST

Red Schoendienst, regarded by many as the finest all-around player in the game, found a real "happy hunting ground" in Wrigley Field last season. In 11 games in the Cub park, Red registered 28 hits in 51 at-bats for a mark of .549. Extending Carl Furillo right down to the wire for the NL batting championship, Schoendienst rapped Cub pitching for seven hits in 15 swings during the final series of the season but missed the coveted crown by two percentage points.

The problem of eminating whipworms from dogs may depend on early recognition of the condition. Veterinary medical authorities say the infestation can usually be eliminated if proper treatment is started in time.

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COMPULSORY INSURANCE 1954

About, among other things, a change in the Massachusetts Insurance Law. Now that it is here we are about the benefits of the law. Apparently we have doubts, for we are told that the Automobile Insurance Law, announced that it will "at the first opportunity" face the constitutionality of the law. The ALA is faced with increased insurance premiums and accumulation of points assessed for driving without any legal method of defending himself. Increased premiums.

Let's had had compulsory insurance, for automobiles, years. It was the first state in the country to have this law, and at the same time it was hailed as the forerunner of similar legislation throughout the country. Massachusetts, which was to be The Pathfinder, has been conspicuously alone. New York did consider such a law, and appointed a commission to study the effects (we presume in Massachusetts). After the study, the commission reported adverse results. Anyway, the legislators of the Empire State decided that they didn't want anything to do with this type of legislation.

As we all know, the effects of the law was to assign insurance risks by the town or city in which a car was garaged. The result was grotesque. Careful drivers, who never had an accident, paid \$70 because they happened to live in one town, and reckless drivers paid \$16 because they lived in another town. There was no distinction about the amount of damage a car had caused, the sole criterion being where it was garaged.

Now in 1954, a point, or demerit system has been added to this law. An offhand response to this might be "Well and good. Now the fellow who causes the damage will have to pay a greater rate, and the driver who is drunk is going to be penalized."

Unfortunately, this isn't entirely true. The original plan of assigning risks by towns and cities will still be basic, according to our understanding. We will continue to pay at our \$50 rate, no matter how good a driver we are, while the fellow in North Andover will continue to pay at a \$19.50 rate. If the fellow in North Andover turns out to be Willy Heavyfoot, and has a few points assigned to him, he will still pay far less than will Careful Charlie, in our town, who keeps his car in his garage most of the time. In fact, if Careful Charlie never takes his car out of the garage, he will still pay more!

The new law sets up our Registry of Motor Vehicles as part of the Insurance Companies that insure our car. The Registry will not be the servant of the public, but, instead the servant of the companies! And the policeman who helps to enforce the Registry rulings might very well turn out to be an agent of the company, if he isn't careful!

One point of the present law is that an arbitrary value, for damage, of \$100 has been set. If a driver is at fault, and the damage is over \$100, the Registry assigns him two points. Points mean increased insurance rates. The driver, if he has the time, can appeal, within 21 days, which might turn out to be but very small comfort, to some people, either too busy, or who, perhaps, do not understand this phase of the law.

Suppose John Jones goes out in the highway, and strikes a car that is worth \$45. He couldn't possibly cause \$100 damage. Then, under exactly the same circumstances, his brother William strikes a brand new Chrysler, or Lincoln. William couldn't possibly get out of it with less than \$100 damage, and he will be assigned two points. Yet both men have done exactly the same thing.

Then, for another thing, who is going to say what the damage is? It's easy, you say, the insurance company that gets the bill! Probably you are right, but there are other angles, too. Garages have been known to "pad" bills. If a policeman comes across an accident, and he thinks a driver is at fault, he writes out a ticket, for the driver to appear in court. The driver then goes to court, and successfully or unsuccessfully defends himself. That is as it should be. But today, there is what is known as a "three-way" ticket, and one copy goes to the Registry, who, if the damage is over \$100 assigns a couple of points, according to our understanding. This is independent of any court action, and it is this that we

unable to have his case heard in court, but heard by the licensing authority, with or without little police state results. We already have in the fact that the Registry can, and has suspended or suspended licenses of many drivers. And, perhaps in 99 cases out of 100 perfectly arbitrary nature of these suspensions, we

to have a license is a privilege. Perhaps it is more than a privilege. It is, in fact, and but for the man who owns it. We should be suspended only by the individual concerned can have his case against bureaucratic action. To the Registry, in suspending licenses, and smacks a little bit of the

ernment expected in Russia. And, to our way of thinking, when the Registry can go further, and assign a greater cost of insurance, independently of the courts, the police state angle has been increased, at the cost of public liberty.

Then there is speeding. Show us the driver who hasn't on occasion forgotten himself, and driven 30 miles an hour in a 25 mile zone. It happens to the best of us, and we are generally quite sorry, when we suddenly discover that we were breaking the law. Most policemen are nice enough fellows, who will let a person so caught get by with a warning. But not all policemen are of such a temperament. There is a type of officer who might be called Officer Hawknose, who delights in catching speeders, innocent or otherwise.

In the old days, Officer Hawknose took the speeder to court, where he was given justice, and his rights were fully protected. Today, Officer Hawknose will write out one of the "three-way" tickets, and our speeder, willy-nilly, is assigned two points, by the Registry. Oh yes, he can appeal, but, again, is he going to have the opportunity, or is he going to know about it, within the stipulated twenty-one days?

We are also told that the Registry will be spending a lot of money, to enforce this law. How much it will be, we don't know, but we have heard the sum of \$2,000,000 mentioned. Perhaps that is an exaggeration, but a large number of clerks will have to be hired, for sure, to keep up with all the "three-way" tickets.

It isn't too long ago that there was a referendum, on the state ballots, which sought to establish individual ratings, for insurance purposes, instead of assigning risks by the town in which the car was garaged. This was beaten, at the polls. The insurance companies, much alarmed, gave all their employees the day off, at election time, and we recall all the pretty young girls standing outside the polling booths handing out literature which said that the cost of individual ratings would be too much and urging the voters to keep the same law as was then on the statutes.

If the cost of individual ratings was too much then, it is too much now. But, in the bookkeeping of the new law, the cost of the individual ratings does not fall on the insurance company—it falls instead on its servant, the Registry of Motor Vehicles!

"Allright," someone will ask, "So you don't like the new law? Have you any thoughts on how it should be written?"

We think that the old method of driving a donkey could illustrate our thoughts. Some people use the "stick" method, and others use the "carrot" method. Generally, the "carrot" method works pretty well, it has been found.

Instead of using a "stick" by increasing the costs in a police state manner, for drivers who happen to be caught, let us use a "carrot" method.

Let us assign a flat insurance rate, for the entire state, let us make it high enough to give the insurance companies a return—make it \$70 if you will.

Let us, at the same time, have a place on our license in which any conviction in court can be marked, such as is the case in California. That, combined with the insurance company records of costs of accidents kept as they happen, could take care of the entire situation, with no more cost than the present system.

When an individual goes up to renew his insurance, at the end of the year, a glance at his license will tell the insurance agent whether or not he has been convicted of any speeding, or other crime. And a glance at the insurance record of the driver will tell the agent whether or not he has caused any damage, for which they have had to pay. If there has been no damage, and no conviction, then the driver should be allowed a reduction in his rate. That is the "carrot" that we propose.

Such a reduction could be cumulative. Suppose it were \$2, for each year that was accident free, and court record free. At the end of ten years our driver would be down to \$50, and at the end of twenty years down to \$30. It certainly would be an incentive to careful driving. It certainly would reduce insurance costs. And it most certainly would take our Registry of Motor Vehicles out of the position of being Judge and Jury, and, at the same time an agent of the Insurance Companies.

And, what is still more important to our way of life, judgments affecting the lives and liberties of our citizens would be put back into the province of the courts of our Commonwealth, where they should be.

DEMERITS LISTED

Penalty points being assessed against Massachusetts motorists for law violations and accidents under the new merit rating system follow:

EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1954

Twelve Points Each for:

- At fault in fatal accident.
- Operating under influence of intoxicating liquor.
- Permitting intoxicated person to operate.
- Using motor vehicle in commission of a felony.

Eight Points Each For:

- Failure to stop after knowingly causing bodily injury.
- Operating recklessly or so as to endanger.
- Operating uninsured or unregistered motor vehicle (willful).
- Racing (or operating on a bet or wager).

Six Points Each For:

- At fault in accident causing serious bodily injury.

Three Points Each For:

- At fault in accident causing minor bodily injury.

Two Points Each For:

- At fault in accident resulting in property damage in excess of \$100.
- Failure to file report of accident.

EFFECTIVE BY JULY 1, 1954

Four Points Each For:

- Operating improper person to operate motor vehicle.
- Exceeding established speed limit.
- Failure to stop for a blind person.
- Operation of a motor vehicle.
- Operating without license.
- Operating motor vehicle after suspension or revocation of registration.

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SELECTMEN AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGREE ON TOWN REPORT

A portion of the Selectmen's meeting was used, Monday night, for a joint meeting with the Wilmington school committee, during which the two boards discussed jointly the printing of the town report, and agreed that it might be possible to print the town report in two sections, Vol I, and Vol II, if the Town Counsel advised that it was possible.

The discussion was opened by Arthur V. Lynch, chairman of the school committee, who stated that the committee had requested a joint meeting with the selectmen, to see if they could find out why there had been alterations in their report.

Cushing stated that there had been some alterations, but only of the same type that had been made in other places, in which the salutation and ending of certain letters had been eliminated, in order to save space. Both years, he stated, he talked with the Superintendent of Schools about it. He pointed out that the town is growing, and that if one isn't careful the town report could become a very thick book.

Clifford Good, Superintendent of Schools stated that he felt that the salutation and signatures should be included. He felt that they were a part of the report, indicating who had done the work, and that the people whose names were eliminated should receive recognition. Good also stated that certain requirements of the law had to be met, and that "We are not complying with Chapter 72, Section 16".

Selectman Lawler wanted to know if the compliance was in other respects other than size, and Good stated "I would say so".

Lawler pointed out that the school committee report for Weymouth was very brief, and he thought that it was a good report. Good agreed that it was sometimes easier to itemize certain parts, instead of trying to explain by words, which "might take paragraphs".

Charles Black wanted to know if previous reports had been satisfactory. Good reported that he had been talking with the State Department of Education on that same day, and that this department had reported that in a number of towns the books were not satisfactory. The department was about to write a letter to that effect, he added. The department keeps those portions of the town reports which pertain to schools, and binds them into volumes. The rest is thrown away, Good stated.

Mr. Hartnett, of the School Committee wanted to know "How about just printing a brief report from the School Committee in the town report, and then saying that further details could be found in a separate report by the School Committee?"

This suggestion was discussed for quite a while, and Black finally suggested that the town report be divided into two parts, in the same way that some corporation reports are Vol I, and Vol II. Criticisms of the reports were made at this time, by both Mrs. Drew and Miss Grimes, of the School Committee.

The two committees finally agreed that the best thing to do would be to follow Black's suggestion, providing that the Town Counsel agreed.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING THURSDAY

Wilmington post, 136, American Legion is to meet Thursday evening, at the post headquarters, on Adams street. Several interesting speakers are to be present, Commander Arthur B. Harper has announced.

P OF H CLUB

The regular meeting of the P of H Club was held last week, at the home of Anne Witkum, with eight members present. A white party, for the clean up and paint fund, of the Wilmington Grange Hall is being planned by some of the members, with the first party to be held by Georgiana Wells in January, and others by Zelia O'Connell in April, and Nellie Briggs in May. After the meeting was adjourned refreshments were served, and whist played, with Sadie Carter high scorer, and Margaret Calnan low.

The next meeting will be held on January 14th, at the home of Jeanette Rocco.

WILMINGTON GRANGE

The next meeting of the Wilmington Grange will be held at the Grange Hall on January 13th, at 8 p.m. After the business session the Wilmington Grange Hall Corp will hold its annual meeting. Yearly reports will be given, and election of officers will be held. Refreshments will be served.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SOARS

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the past five years, excluding 1953, two large buildings were erected, the new high school, in 1950, valued at \$435,000 and the J.W. Greer plant, on Main street, in 1951, valued at \$400,000.

1948, 1949, and 1950 were good building years in Wilmington and elsewhere, but in one sense of the word, building stood still as far as Wilmington was concerned. There was plenty of construction, yes, but there was no increase. Each year was about the same, with the total average being less than \$500,000 in new permits. In 1948, for example, the total permits were \$388,500 in 1949 the total was \$459,760, and in 1950, exclusive of the school, \$549,625

and including the school, \$984,625. 1951 was the beginning of the change. In that year permits were taken out for \$1,658,025.00, including the Greer plant. 1952 saw the permit figures increase still more, as far as housing was concerned, although the total was not as large. There were no plants erected in Wilmington, or other large buildings, and yet the total was \$1,343,955.

Now the total is almost twice as large, and, according to opinions of people connected with the building industry, and others, 1954 will be larger still. There hasn't been any slacking of business, at the desk of the building inspector, down at the town hall, that's certain!



HATHAWAY ACRES

By far the largest development in Wilmington, in recent years, is Hathaway Acres, in North Wilmington, now an important part of the town. One of the more recent homes, in this section is that of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pilling, pictured above. (Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)



ON KELLY ROAD

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. De Gregory, on Kelly road. This section, recently built up, is having some of the finest homes in Wilmington. (Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)

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Indoor and outdoor games were enjoyed, also singing of songs while Master Richard untied his many gifts, thanking those who had given them. A kiss hunt brought prizes to whoever found the most. Among those present and enjoying themselves were Marilyn Mann, Charlene and Emily Wood, Larry and Curtis Pellerin, Pearl and Bob White, Charlie Carpenter, Esther and Freddie Plumer, Robin Kelley, Joan Dreyheim, Tommy Pellerin, and Ricky Detato.

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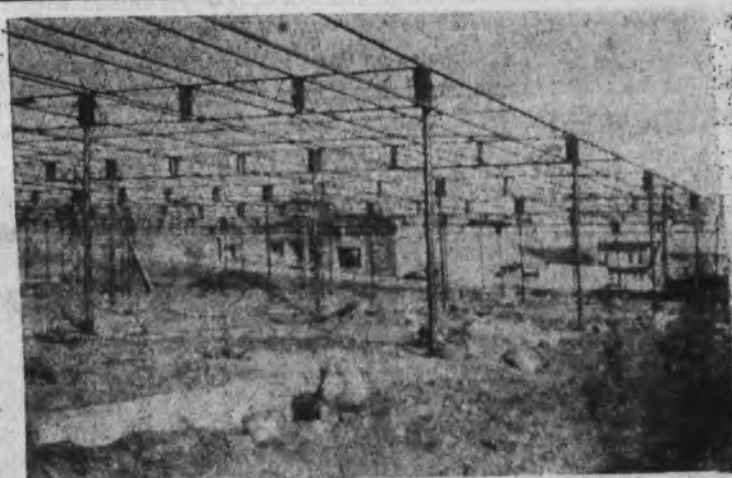
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INDUSTRY MOVING IN

A new plant, on Burlington avenue, now under erection for the Hoag Russell Corp. Packaged condiments (sugar, salt, etc.) will be prepared here for use by restaurants and airlines. Building is expected to be ready for use by next summer. (Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)



FIRE - POLICE STATION

Wilmington's new fire-police station, located near the square, on Church street. Built during the past year, at a cost of \$65,000, it is one of the few buildings within Middlesex County that combines space for both departments. (Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)

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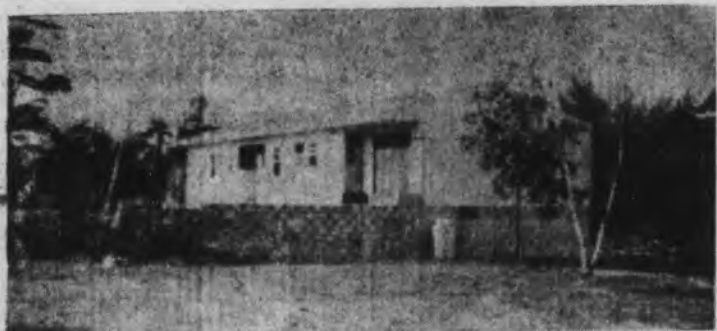
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The rapidly increasing population of Wilmington has placed a burden on the school system. A new school is being built on Wildwood street, plans are now being prepared for the enlargement of the high school, at a cost of about \$1 million, and further plans are being made for another school, to be started about 1955. Pictured above is part of the auditorium of a \$500,000 school, on Buck's Hill, off Wildwood street. Located in a very central position, with an advantageous site, the new school is intended for grammar school children of the first six grades. It will be ready for use about the first of April.

(Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES GUTHRIE

One of the best homes built during this year is that of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guthrie, on Park street. Gowing Acres, a new development, off Park street is one of the growing communities within Wilmington. (Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)

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DEATH OF WILLIAM KELLEY

William J. Kelley, 60, of Columbus avenue, Boston, brother of Mrs. George Beal, of Aldrich road, was laid to rest in the Holyhood cemetery, Monday. The oldest son of the family, he died in Boston on the last day of the year.

SILVER LAKE UNSAFE

Paul J. Lynch, Chief of Police of Wilmington has declared Silver Lake to be unsafe, for skating. The warm weather of the week-end, and the rain, made the ice unsafe, and, in the Chief's opinion it will be unsafe for several more days. Chief Lynch, Monday morning, issued a warning to all parents that they should be certain that their children were not trying to skate on the lake.

Chief Lynch stated that if the children had to skate, they must do so on ponds which are very shallow, so that no danger would be involved. The Wilmington Skating Club, on Chestnut street has such a pond, he pointed out, and it is ponds of this type of which he was thinking.

FINED \$50 IN WOBURN COURT

Donald Southmayd, of South Tewksbury was fined \$50 in Woburn Court, Tuesday morning, by Judge William J. Henchey, after having been found guilty on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor. Southmayd was arrested on December 31st by officers Shepard and Fuller, of the Wilmington police department.

MARBLEHEAD MUSINGS.

Cute patchwork,—the fenders of autos sticking into streets. Houses hopping here and there on hills, o'er stones. Jumping this way and that to escape the clutter and the mincing sidewalks' surcease. All is reality—all is new—all is old—all is eternity's bones.

—George Hibbert Driver.

DAV Sweetheart



The Sweetheart of the DAV is Mrs. W. Taylor Harney of Kansas City, Mo., an American Red Cross volunteer field consultant for the midwestern area, and Kansas City chairman of volunteers. Each year the Disabled American Veterans selects its "Sweetheart" from a group that has unselfishly assisted disabled veterans in their rehabilitation.

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McKELVEY FILES BILLS IN SENATE AND HOUSE, IN STATE LEGISLATURE

Harold W. McKelvey, well known resident of South Wilmington has filed two bills in the State Legislature, relating to mortgage loans on realty.

House Bill, No. 502 relates to the limiting the amount of interest chargeable for loans secured by second mortgage on real estate and will be referred to the committee on banks and banking. The bill reads as follows:

An act limiting the amount of interest chargeable for loans secured by second mortgages on real estate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 89 the following section:

Section 89A. A loan secured by second mortgage on real estate shall bear interest at the rate not to exceed ten percent per annum and shall be discharged upon payment or tender by the mortgagor of the principal sum actually borrowed, with interest for the period between the borrowing of said money and the

payment or tender hereunder at said rate or the rate agreed upon, whichever is the lesser.

Section 2. This act shall apply to loans secured by second mortgages granted after its effective date.

Senate Measure

The Senate Bill, No. 2, also to be referred to the committee on banks and banking, is for legislation to define and regulate the business of making mortgage loans on realty. The bill follows:

AN ACT DEFINING AND REGULATING THE BUSINESS OF MAKING MORTGAGE LOANS ON REALTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 114 the following 7 sections:-

Section 114A. No person, excepting banks and banking institutions shall directly or indirectly engage in the business of making mortgage loans:- making loans or collateral security represented by real property or purchasing real property on condition of selling it back at a stipulated price or paying or advancing money thereon under such circumstances that it may be inferred from the character of the transaction that such property may be later redeemed, without first obtaining from the commissioner of banks, hereinafter referred to in this section and in sections one hundred and fourteen B to one hundred and fourteen F, inclusive as the commissioner, a license to carry on said business in the town where the business is to be transacted.

Section 114B. The commissioner shall from time to time establish regulations respecting the granting of such licenses and the business carried on by the licenses, and he may have all the powers to investigate such license as are granted him under section ninety-seven.

Section 114C. All such licenses shall annually on November first make a return to him in the form of a trial balance of the books at the close of business on September thirtieth preceding, and such other information as may be called for by the commissioner in accordance with a blank form to be furnished by him.

Section 114D. The commissioner may summon said licenses, companies or any of their agents or employees and such other witnesses as he deems necessary, and examine them relative to their transactions and for that purpose may administer oaths. Whoever without justifiable cause refuses to appear and testify when so required, or obstructs the commissioner or his representatives in the performance of their duties shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Section 114E. No person engaged in the business of making loans on mortgages, as defined in section one hundred and fourteen A, shall make any such loan at a rate in excess of ten per cent per annum, and any loan so made may be discharged upon payment or tender by the debtor of the principal sum actually borrowed, with interest for the period between the borrowing of said money and the payment or tender hereunder at the rate agreed upon; or if the payment or tender hereunder is made within six months of the making of the loan, then the debtor shall pay at the rate agreed upon the interest for the full six months. The lender shall not charge a sum exceeding fifty dollars for the actual expenses of making and securing a loan.

Section 114F. Any person violating any provision of section one hundred and fourteen A or one hundred and fourteen E or any rule or order made by the commissioner shall be subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, and his license may be suspended or revoked by the commissioner. Any loan upon which a greater rate of

interest or expense is charged or received than is allowed under section one hundred and fourteen E may be declared void by the supreme judicial or superior court in equity upon petition of the person to whom the loan is made.

Section 114G. Sections one hundred and fourteen A to one hundred and fourteen F, inclusive shall not apply to any loan of three hundred dollars or less made by a person holding a license under sections ninety-six to one hundred and thirteen, inclusive, nor to any loan of less than one thousand dollars made under the provisions of sections eighty-six to ninety-four, inclusive, nor affect section seventy-two of this chapter or section four of chapter two hundred and fifty-five.

McKelvey has been active in legislative matters in the past, and has participated in the passing of over 40 laws now on the statute books of the commonwealth, including those that authorize local communities to expend funds for the eradication of poison ivy and rag weed.

PROHIBITION IN WILMINGTON

This year, 1954, will see a new batch of voters in Wilmington, young men and women who have reached the age of 21. For the first time in many years, Wilmington will have voters who never had the dubious benefits of living in the prohibition age.

The writer was quite young at the time, but there are a few memories of that age in which he feels our younger readers may be interested.

As everyone knows, the purpose of prohibition, as defined by ex-president Hoover, was "an experiment, noble in purpose". Poor Hoover had this phrase twisted, by his enemies, into "a noble experiment", with which phrase he was then severely castigated.

Wilmington, during the prohibition era, had its share of bootlegging. Most of the liquor consumed here was made locally, but some of course was brought down from Canada, and one of the memories of the writer was exchanging experiences with other boys about hearing a high-powered Stanley Steamer "Swoosh" through the town, at about 3 a.m. on dark nights to a lonely shack which stood down on Faulkner road. At this shack, we firmly believed a ring of rum-runners would unload their cargo, fresh from Canada, and then the Stanley Steamer would "swoosh" back for another load. Perhaps we were right, in our accounts, but there is at least a good chance that the "swoosh" that we heard was merely the wind blowing through the trees.

As everywhere else, there were a number of "stills" in town. Some of our police officers were quite zealous in their detection of these illicit enterprises, an effort which made them quite unpopular with a number of citizens. One of these stills was on Cook Hill, near the North Woburn line, and we can recall watching our local police in their efforts in trying to catch the operators "with the goods". Our sympathy, even at that tender age, was with the operators. Perhaps the situation was somewhat the same as that of our youngsters today, who get a tremendous excitement from watching the "Westerns" on television. It was to us, tremendously exciting, and we sympathized with the operator because we felt he was the underdog.

Of course, in a larger sense, the operations of the police department were supervised by the Board of Selectmen, and the police attitude was a reflection of the attitude of those worthy gentlemen. If all three selectmen liked to take an occasional nip, there wouldn't be too much pressure on the police department to have the prohibition law enforced, but, on the other hand, if there were one selectman who was a strong dry, the board would, perforce, be dry in its attitude. Somehow, in that day and

age, it was very difficult for two men who wanted to be lenient to argue against a man who wanted the law enforced. Of course, the clergy would back up the "dry", and it wasn't easy to argue against the clergy on what was considered a "moral" point. Generally speaking, the Selectmen were quite dry, in their attitude.

Perhaps the most notable still, in Wilmington, was one that was discovered in North Wilmington, by Federal prohibition agents. This still, which, we believe was the largest ever discovered in New England, was in a chicken coop, and was conducted for wholesale purposes only, if our memory is correct.

We seem to recall that the operator had dug out a place, under the chicken coop, and installed his still there, with a hidden trap door. A stove in the coop gave an excuse for having a chimney, and the mash which was left over was fed to the chickens, who effectively disposed of what was a major problem in other places. All would have gone well, if a drunken chicken had not staggered across the road, in front of the car of the two prohibition agents, but then the jig was up. Wilmington had a tremendous excitement, that day, and we can still recall the headlines in the Boston Post.

Chief law enforcement officer of Wilmington was Chief of Police Walter A. Hill, a kindly disposed portly gentleman who lived at the corner of Middlesex avenue and Main street. We remember the old Chief, as he walked home from the postoffice, with a few letters in his hand. He seemed to our young eyes, to have been a general in the Civil War.

Chief Hill was not above a "nip" himself, and his duty as the law enforcement officer, at times, was very much against his inclination. Not that the Chief would fail to enforce the law, but we suspect at times he was quite reluctant about it.

There was another man in town who was professionally a prohibition agent. He was a very fine individual, of sterling character, but some people resented him, for his professional attitude. Every now and then he would discover that there was a little bootlegging going on, at some particular household, and he would call out the police, who promptly had to do their duty.

Occasionally the special police would be called out too. The father of the writer was one of those special police, and he was at one time called out when there was to be a raid on a place on Parker street. Our father was placed in back of the home, with strict orders to "watch the back of the place". Then the agent, and others, marched up to the front door, and knocked loudly.

The lady of the house was very prompt. She dashed out to the back door, with a number of jugs of wine, which she proceeded to pour onto the ground. The agent, and his aids were meanwhile searching the house. Not finding anything, the agent came to the back of the house. His nose told him instantly that wine had been poured, and he demanded to know what our father had been doing, while this was going on.

Our father told the agent that he had strictly obeyed orders. "I watched the back of the house, just as I was told to!" He was never again called for a raid!

There was always fun, when the "Federals" moved in. At one time there was a still being operated near the lower end of Woburn street. The local police discovered it, and a couple of men hung around, in civilian clothes, trying to get some evidence. Then the Federals raided, and in making their arrests, they arrested the local officers too! There was a great to-do, until the situation had been clearly explained.

One of the casualties of that age was the frequent destruction of stills, by fire or explosion. There were several such events in Wilmington.

Down on Butters Row stood an old farmhouse, the Lorenzo Butters place. It was named after one of the more notable members of that clan, father of Theodore Butters, killed at Gettysburg. During the 1920's some bootleggers bought the farmhouse which stood where the

home of Mr. Motroni stands today. They put in a large still, and started to work. No one ever discovered it, until one morning the place burned down. When the fire department was going through the ruins of the building, they also found the ruins of the still!

Another still was operated on Andover street, where Edward J. Curtis lives today. A family, man, wife and two children, named, as we recall it, Lucas, bought the place and moved in. They were a staid appearing family. The children went to school, and Mr. Lucas drove off every morning to work. One day there was a loud explosion, and when the fire department arrived, there was the remains of a large still, in the house. No one ever saw any of the Lucas family again.

One phase which is remembered with pleasure by some of the policemen and others was connected with the courthouse, in which the bootleggers were brought for trial. Witnesses would often bring a bottle of cooling stimulant with them, and, before appearing in the court, they would hide the bottle in the tank of the toilet, in the men's room. The tank, in those days, was overhead, and sometimes, when a man reached up to retrieve his bottle, properly cooled, he would get a better bottle than he put in!

Towards the last of the prohibition era, the writer had reached a mature enough age so that he too could become a patron of some of the beer parlors. He was, however, too sanctimonious to be seen in a Wilmington beer parlor. He always went to Billerica with his trade. It was odd, but there would always be a lot of other people from Wilmington there! Perhaps the Wilmington places were patronized by the residents of Billerica, in the same way!



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TV NEWSREEL

By MacLellan's

Television entertainment includes the "good guys" and the "bad guys" from the movie world. One star who has gained fame as a villain in motion pictures, starring in such pictures as "Sudden Fear," "Second Chance," and the popular "Shane," is Jack Palance. This versatile actor is blossoming as one of TV's top dramatic actors, too. The ABC network has signed him to a deal calling for six hour-long dramas per year, and he's also been appearing in such established programs as "Suspense" and "Studio One." He's one example of the marriage of movies and video.

Benny Goodman may be the first big name to do a two-hour weekly TV show. He's negotiating now with top TV execs on the problems confronting such a big undertaking. . . . Mel Allen, top radio and TV sportscaster and the voice of the New York Yankees, is going on a lecture tour after the first of the year. His topic: "Sports, America's Trademark."

The producer of the "Life Begins at 80" TV show tells a story about Ethel Water's appearance recently. The cameraman was adjusting the lighting, and told her he was going to give her depth. "Fine," she replied. "But don't give me width." You'll get amazing depth of picture detail, plus size to spare in the picture, when you choose a new big screen PHILCO TV set from our selection. Philco's Deep Dimension pictures show you the whole TV scene with new clarity. See for yourself at MAC LELLAN APPLIANCE & TV CENTER, Main St., Tewksbury. Phone Lowell 7106.

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MISS BARBARA FAULKNER ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Faulkner of 224 Shawheen Ave., Wilmington, announce the engagement of their daughter Barbara Joyce, to Robert Wilson Belbin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Belbin of Woburn St., Wilmington.

Miss Faulkner is a graduate of Wilmington High School and is now employed at the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. Boston, Mass.

Mr. Belbin is a graduate of Wilmington High School and is employed at Hanson, Gates Mfg. Co. Reading Mass.

JAMES KELLY NAMED HEART FUND TREASURER

Mr. Joseph J. Sottile of 87 Forest St., Wilmington, Chairman of the

1954 Heart Fund Campaign in Wilmington has announced that Mr. James Kelly of 18 Wilson St., Wilmington, will serve as Treasurer for his committee.

LEON SCHULER IN AIR FORCE

Leon Schuler, Woburn street, North Wilmington, is now in the U.S. Air Force. His address is A/B Leon A. Schuler, AF 11270447, Flt 2993, - 3659 BMTS, Sampson AFB, Geneva, New York.

• TOWN NOTES •**WEATHER**

There was some cold weather, at the end of the year, but on the whole it was warmer than average. Our Christmas, as everyone knows, was not white, to the disappointment of kids with new sleds. There was .04 inches of rain on Dec. 28th, and a trace of snow on the 31st of December. On January 1st we had one inch of snow, (.04 inches rain), which has since disappeared.

THE YEAR'S RECORD

We had a record rainfall, best in about 75 years, for March, but other months were about normal. Month by Month, the record is Jan 4.86 inches, Feb. 3.32 inches, March 8.16 inches, April 5.47 inches, May 3.99 inches, June 2.09 inches, July 2.9 inches, August 3.06 inches, Sept. 1.43 inches, Oct. 5.42 inches, Nov. 6.06 inches, and December 4.12 inches. Total for the year was \$0.92 inches, or pretty nearly 1 inch a week average.

GALLOPING AROUND TOWN

We were rather surprised, a few days ago, to have a few young people come galloping, on horseback, up to us, as we stood in our garden surveying our frozen soil. They wanted our signature, no less.

A book was presented, which we duly signed, and we noted that the young people were credited with 10 points, because we had signed. Among the others who could credit the book carrier were the Town Manager, and the Chief of Police, so we felt very nice about it - sort of up among the elite - but then we found that 35 points were awarded for still other signatures, of people who lived out of town, such as Harvey Kelch, the gentleman who runs a country club in North Reading.

It seems that there was a three day contest, for the Wilmington 4H Mounties, a local horse club, sponsored by the Middlesex County Extension Service. The members of the club were divided into five groups, of two or three persons each, and they were to get as many signatures as possible. Points were put against certain signatures, but other signatures helped, by giving the rider a point for each person who helped.

The end of the contest was during the past weekend, when the riders appeared at the home of Dr. Miriam Hosmer, to have their points counted.

Winners were Sandra Dupras and Karen Walden, with 346 points apiece, and second place went to Philis and Audrey Kimball, with 227 points apiece. A special award was made to Robert McCabe.

This 4H group, under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Corum, of Salem street, is perhaps one of the most active horseman groups in the county. Recently this club gave a couple of interesting demonstrations, one in the Silver Lake Betterment Association Hall, and the other in the Wilmington Grange. In the first a live pony was saddled and bridled on the stage at the Silver Lake Betterment, and it probably proved to some members of that association that the automobile isn't everything. The other demonstration, at the Grange Hall, had a shetland pony

harnessed to a cart, driving on the platform of that building. Of course, the Grangers, being farmers at heart, knew that horses and ponies still exist, but they loved it just the same.

OUR SKATING CLUB

The Wilmington Skating Club is getting ready for the Silver Skates Derby, in Boston, to be held on January 30th. As everyone knows, the Wilmington Skating Club has among its membership some record holders of note, including Mrs. Janet Tighe, North American Woman's Speed Champion Skater in three different classes. They did very well last year, at the Derby, coming off with three first prizes and a second prize, and we think they are going to do even better this year.

For the past few weeks all has been activity at the clubhouse, on Chestnut street, and we advise anyone interested to drop around some afternoon, and watch Carl Backman do some expert coaching.

Members of the Wilmington Skating Club appeared on television last Saturday. The show was Bob Emery's, on WBZ TV, and appearing were young Mike Weinberg and Jackie Ashworth. Jackie has won every race from the midget through the juvenile, in the Derby, and this year is to appear in the intermediate, a class of girls older than she is. Her sister, Jeanne is North American Champion in all classes up to the Intermediate, and as thousands of Wilmington skaters can testify, is just about the speediest thing there is, on ice.

NEW ARRIVALS

We dropped into the Wilmington center drug store, the other day, to see how many new arrivals had been registered there in the last month. It appears that there were only six, for some reason or other. Listed were Jean Francis Gordon, Cedar street, born Nov. 26th, Jean MacKenzie, Taplin avenue, born Nov. 29th, Richard Gerald McGuinness, Lincoln street, born Dec. 3rd, Nancy Joanne Hunt, 10 Parker street, born Dec. 21st, Scott Oliver Sava, 7 Hathaway Road, born Dec. 19th, and William Denis Steinhoff, born Nov. 28.

OLD PRINT

The Rev. Stanley Cummings, pastor of the Congregational church has an old cotton print, that is something to look at. It is about two feet wide, and a little longer, and shows a Christmas scene. The work is quite nice, and evidently about the middle of the 19th century. The puzzle is Who Made It, and When?

In the center of the cloth is a picture labeled Santa Claus. Beneath it is a verse from Clement Moor's famous poem, popularly called "A visit from St. Nicholas" (written in 1822). Santa wears a fur cap, of a style seen in several northern European countries, and a packet that has rounded edges near the waistline, in front. On the jacket is a ribbon bearing a Maltese cross, something in the manner of the famed Iron Cross of Germany, but not with the same colors. The belt is of blue and white hue, with a brass buckle, possibly an old army style. Santa wears old fashioned leather "sea boots" of the kind in countries near the North sea.

In the four corners of the picture are four scenes of Santa at work, on rooftops, etc. One of the pictures shows his reindeer, and they have broad antlers, not like the present illustrations, but rather of the type worn by Moose, in Canada.

Anybody have any ideas about where it could have come from?

\$12,000,000 VALUATION?

Of course no one will know until the assessor's get through totting up their figures, but it would appear that Wilmington's real estate valuation

might jump over \$2,000,000 this year, and exceed \$12,000,000. The Greer plant, the National Polychemical plant, and Raffi & Swanson are now in a complete condition, and should add considerably to the valuation to the town (hardly anything was counted last year from these plants, because construction hadn't even begun in some of the cases). A large number of homes have been built, and in other ways there have been increases in valuations. A \$12,000,000 assessment would mean about a 15% decrease in taxes, if there were no additional town expenses (but there will be!)

Last year's valuation, for real estate, was \$9,609,585.

PUSSY WILLOWS

Chalk up the first pussy willows for Mrs. Olive Sheldon, one of Wilmington's assessors. She noticed them in North Wilmington, near Nod pond, last Monday, while the Board of Assessors were evaluating property, in that area.

LOCAL METEOROLOGIST

A meteorologist, as every one knows, is the man who makes the mistakes about the weather, at least so the old joke goes. Some people take their shoes off, and let their bunions do the predicting, and others study the subject scientifically.

All joking aside, we have an outstanding meteorologist in Wilmington, William K. Widger, of Fairview avenue. At the 126th annual meeting of the American Meteorological Society, held in the Hotel Kenmore, in Boston, Dec. 28-30, Mr. Widger was one of a group from the Air Force Cambridge Research Center which presented the results of a study entitled "JET STREAM: The Observation and Analysis of the Detailed Structure of the Atmosphere near the Tropopause Using Aircraft".

STANDING - HOLY NAME BOWLING LEAGUE - 12TH WEEK

Team	Won	Lost	Pf.
First	32	16	18385
Second	25	23	18199
Third	24	24	18117
Fourth	15	33	17924
High Single A. MacMullin			153
High Triple - A. MacMullin			341
Team High Single - Eagles			585
Team High Triple - Eagles			1621
Ten Highest Averages			
A. MacMullin	98.7		
R. Woods	92.6		
J. Cunningham	91.7		
J. Good	90.2		
A. MacMullin	89.9		
A. Quandt	89.6		
G. Smith	89.5		
F. McGuinness	87.8		
W. Busineau	86.4		
C. O'Brien	85.9		

VFW WHIST

Wilmington Post 2458 VFW will resume their weekly Whist Parties at the quarters on Main St., again commencing Wed. Eve. Jan. 6th. The Play will begin at 8:30. The Public is invited. Plenty of Prizes & refreshments will be in order.

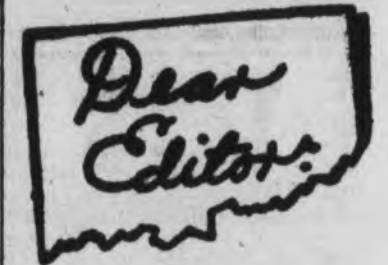
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Lowell, December 27, 1953
Taken on execution and will be sold by public auction, on Saturday, the 30th day of January A.D. 1954, at ten o'clock A.M. at my office, Room 422, 53 Central Street, Lowell, in said County of Middlesex, all the right, title and interest that Rose M. Holland, 119 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston in the County of Suffolk had (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) on the twelfth day of August A.D. 1953, at 9:00 o'clock A.M., being the time when the same was taken on execution in and to the following described real estate, to wit: A certain parcel of land with buildings thereon, situated in said Wilmington and being lots 541 and 542 on Plan of Silver Lake Addition, Silver Lake, Wilmington, dated September 1920, Robert B. Bellamy, C.E., recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds, Plan Book 42, Plan 73, and together bounded and described as follows: Westerly by Hobson Avenue, fifty (50) feet; Northwesterly by Lots 551, 552, 553 and 554, on said plan, eighty (80) feet; Easterly by Lots 550 and 549 on said plan, fifty (50) feet; Southerly by Lot 540 on said plan, eighty (80) feet. Containing 4,000 square feet according to said plan, be any or all of said measurements more or less.
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To: the Town of Wilmington, a municipal corporation, located in the County of Middlesex and said Commonwealth; Manuel J. Barry and Alice Barry, both of said Wilmington; John M. McMasters and Claude W. Thompson, both of Woburn, in said County of Middlesex; Paul Pastorello, d/b/a Greenwood Plumbing and Heating Company, of Wakefield, in said County of Middlesex; Manuel J. Amaro, of Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Dorothy M. Farrell, of said Wilmington, to register and confirm her title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Wilmington, bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by Massachusetts Avenue 50.00 feet; Westerly by other land to the petitioner and land now or formerly of Claude W. Thompson 130.00 feet; Northeasterly by land now or formerly of Manuel J. Barry et ux, 51.42 feet; Easterly by land now or formerly of Manuel J. Amaro 118.00 feet.

The above-described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Court House), or in the office of the Assistant Recorder of said Court at the Registry of Deeds at Lowell in the County of Middlesex where a copy of the plan filed with said petition is deposited, on or before the twenty-fifth day of January next.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, John E. Fenton, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of December in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

Attest with Seal of said Court.
(Seal) Sybil H. Holmes
Recorder.
(Atty. Simon Cutter
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, SS.

PROBATE COURT.

To all persons interested in the estate of Katherine G. Margey late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale certain real estate of said deceased.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the eleventh day of January 1954, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John C. Leggat, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

John J. Butler, Register.
D-23-J-6

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, SS.

PROBATE COURT.

To all persons interested in the estate of William J. Ethier late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that Clarence E. Ethier of Wilmington in said County, be appointed administrator of said estate, without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirtieth day of January 1954, the return day of this citation.

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The Brooklyn Dodgers sustained only one shutout during the 1953 season. The lone calimine job was administered on July 11 by the Giants' rookie right-hander, Allan Worthington, who simultaneously set a record by becoming the first pitcher in modern baseball history to hurl successive shutouts in his first two starting assignments. Five days earlier, the 23-year old native of Birmingham, Alabama had celebrated his major-league debut with a two-hit shutout over the Phillies.

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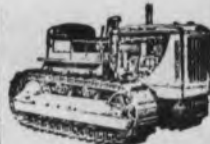
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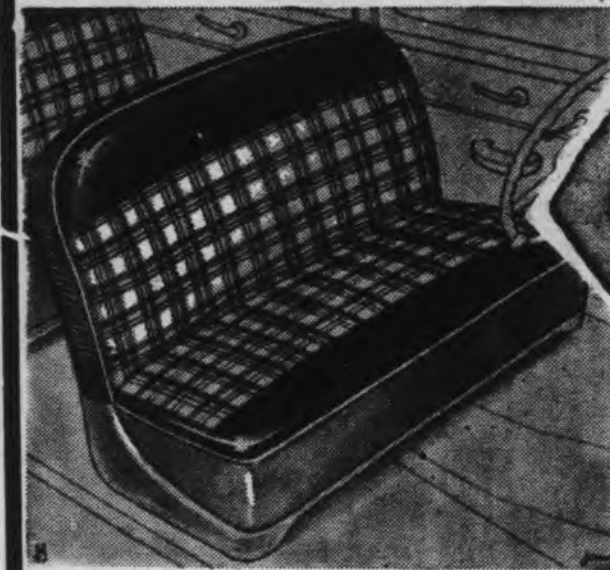
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Troop 81 has had a display of the badge-work they have been doing on the Girl Scout bulletin board which is now in the library. Each troop will have an opportunity to post its own material for a period of two weeks. Troop 101 will be responsible for the board for the next two weeks.

The next Girl Scout leaders' meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on January 11 at the home of Mrs. William Traer, 611 Woburn street. All those who did not attend the last meeting are asked to bring a complete roster of their troop including addresses and telephone numbers.

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Private LaCreta graduated from Wilmington High School and he was active in sports. His brother, John J. LaCreta is on active duty with the U.S. Navy.

COMMUNISM'S CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANITY TO BE SERMON TOPIC

The Rev. Richard E. Harding has announced that he will preach on the topic: "Communism's Challenge to Christianity" at both the 9:15 and 11 a.m. service on Sunday, January 10. The topic is in announced conjunction with the theme of the World Vision Institute to be held the same evening.

Mr. Harding has stated that "the great struggle of our day is not between armies, navies, airplanes and atomic bombs; it is the spiritual struggle between the Christian faith and communism, with the prize being the minds, souls and lives of men. It is to this struggle we will direct our thinking on Sunday, December 10, in the morning by one who sees it from the outside and in the evening from one who sees it from the inside."

MEN'S CLUB OF THE METHODIST CHURCH TO SEE IMPORTANT MOVIE

The men of the Methodist Church will meet at 8 o'clock, Thursday, January 14, in the church vestry, to hold its monthly business meeting, under the leadership of Fred Hagman, and see the enlightening movie entitled "Dedicated Men."

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METHODIST LAY LEADER WRITES TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

Malcolm Butler, Lay Leader of the local Methodist Church, has written the following statement to the members and friends of the church.

"One of our Methodist leaders recently commented that the churches which are doing the most and are showing the most strength are those with building programs. Our church is about to undertake such a program, and it stands to be one of the greatest adventures in religious experiences that may be ours to know.

Our Building Fund Raising Committee has been hard at work for weeks. Plans are now being made for a campaign in March. Complete details will be available very soon.

Our Sunday school and church attendance figures bespeak the need for added facilities in a growing community like ours. We must move forward, for to stand still is to move backward. We can do it with God's help it will be a wonderful experience for all in fellowship, satisfaction in worthwhile accomplishment, and a better understanding of Christ's will for you and I."

WILMINGTON AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO INITIATE WORLD VISION INSTITUTE

The Wilmington Area Council of Churches presents a vitally new service to the people of the Wilmington area by sponsoring a World Vision Institute.

The Institute will begin on Sunday evening, January 10 at 6 p.m. in the Wilmington Methodist Church. The theme for the first institute is "Christianity Behind the Iron Curtain." Rev. Richard Skobe, formerly of Latvia and from behind the Iron Curtain, will tell of his experience in Russia and Soviet dominated countries, and the part the Christian Church is playing behind the Iron Curtain.

Mrs. Malcolm Butler, Chairman of the Commission of Missions of the Methodist Church and general chairman of the World Vision Institute says that everyone is invited to attend this program. The entire program has been arranged to take place on January 10, January 17, January 24 and January 31, as follows:

January 10, Theme: "Christianity Behind the Iron Curtain", 6 - 6:30 p.m. Devotions led by the Pilot group of the Methodist Church.

6:30 - 7:15 - Rev. Richard Skobe will speak on the theme: "Christianity Behind the Iron Curtain."

7:15 - 7:30 Discussion period.
7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Fellowship and refreshments prepared by the Quaintance Club of the Congregational Church.

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 - United Youth Fellowship. Mr. Skobe will be with the group. Recreation and group singing.

Sunday, January 17, Theme: "Christian Understanding of Crime"

6:00 - Devotions led by the Fireside Fellowship of the Congregational Church.

6:30 - Chaplain William J. Wiltenburg, Director of Institutional Missions, The Association of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for Works of Mercy, will speak on the topic: "A Christian Understanding of Crime."

7:15 - Discussion period.
7:30 Fellowship and refreshments by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

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Ladies of the Pinewood Circle, a social club which meets weekly, gathered for the Christmas dinner, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Gray, Eames street. Left to right, Frances Calandrillo, Gertrude White, Ethel Thibeault, Frances Gray and Sadie Geldard. In back, standing, is Rose Beluci of Boutwell street.

Mrs. Thibeault insisted on holding an empty bottle, for a "gag."

8:00 United Youth Fellowship with Chaplain Wiltenburg.

Sunday, January 24, Theme: "The Christian Church in Korea"

6 p.m. Devotions led by the Adult Fellowship of the Methodist Church.

6:30 Dr. Kwang-Won Kim, Professor of Religion at Boston University, will speak on the topic: "The Influence of the Church in Korea."

7:15 - Discussion.
7:30 Fellowship and refreshments by the Couples Club of the Congregational Church.

8:00 United Youth Fellowship. Dr. Kim will be with the young people.

Sunday, January 31, Theme: "China—A Menace or a Promise."

6 p.m. Devotions led by Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church.

6:30 Dr. Peter Shih, pastor of the Chinese Christian Church of Boston, will speak on the subject: "China—Menace or Promise?"

7:15 Discussion.
7:30 Fellowship and refreshments by Ladies Benevolent Society of the Congregational Church.

8 p.m. United Youth Fellowship. Dr. Shih will be with the group.

The council hopes, through such a world vision institute as this, to provide information first hand, and render understanding of the puzzling areas in our own country and around the world.

ACCIDENT ON GROVE STREET

The Wilmington police and fire department were called, at 8:15 p.m. Monday, when a Plymouth sedan met with an accident, and turned over, on Grove street, between the railroad and the Reading line. The fire department, under Chief Arthur Boudreau, was called for the purpose of washing away spilled gasoline.

Wilmington police, under Chief Lynch, and Sgt. Sidelinker responded. The driver of the auto, Lyle D. Morrison Jr., 1522 Mystic Valley Parkway, Medford escaped without injury. The car was the property of his father, at the same address, and was towed to Gildart's garage.

WOMAN STRUCK BY STONE

A woman passenger was injured, Monday night, when a stone thrown by an unknown person came through the window of a Boston & Maine passenger train, Monday at 6:40 p.m., according to a report of the Boston & Maine police. The train had just left Wilmington station, southbound, and was south of the Burlington avenue bridge when the incident occurred.

CUB SCOUT MEETING

Cub Scouts of Den 1, Pack 58 met at the home of the Den Mother, Mrs. Eaton, on Main street, Monday afternoon. The meeting opened with a salute to the Flag, after which dues and attendance was taken. Those present were Kenneth Slater, Wayne Eaton, Donald Howe, Robert Howe, Carl Jensen, Frank Gracyk and Den Chief Chester Howe. The theme of the month was work on puppets, and in the activity period the boys had "52 Scatter". The meeting closed with the living circle.

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Bellingham, Wash., Herald: "Because much of the tax burden is indirect, few persons realize how much money they pay in taxes. That process is known as 'getting the most feathers from the goose with the least squawks'."

SOUTH OF THE RIVER

Mrs. Jack M. Tuell
OLA-3053

Little Donny Sutherland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rae Sutherland, of South Street, was rushed to St. John's Hospital, of Lowell, for an emergency appendectomy, on New Year's Day. He is now doing fine, and his family expects him home in a few days.

Barbara and Shirley O'Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George O'Connell of South Street, have recently returned from a Methodist Youth Fellowship reunion, held at the Methodist Conference Center, Rolling Ridge, North Andover. Among the adult leaders of this meeting were Rev. and Mrs. Richard Harding, of Wilmington.

The James Goodpastor family, of Parker Avenue, have recently purchased a new home in Topsheld, Massachusetts, and are moving into it soon. The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the South Tewksbury Church, gave a farewell party to Jim and Wesley Goodpastor, last Wednesday evening. Both Jim and Wes have been officers of the MYF, and the group is sorry to have them leave.

The South Tewksbury Betterment Association held its annual New Year's Eve party, at the Betterment Hall. Starting at 9:00 p.m., with entertainment, dancing, and refreshments, and favors, the party progressed until after the New Year was rung in. Mr. George O'Connell was General Chairman of the affair, which was enjoyed by all present. The Betterment Association has started a new policy of sending their monthly news-sheet to all the residents of the South Tewksbury area.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayward, of Boston, spent the week-end at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jack M. Tuell. The Haywards are recently of Seattle, Washington, and Mr. Hayward is presently attending Boston University School of Theology.

Among those attending the Methodist Minister's Wives Retreat, held January 4th and 5th, were Mrs. Richard Harding of Wilmington, and Mrs. Jack Tuell of South Tewksbury. This retreat was held at the Conference Center, at Rolling Ridge, North Andover.

The South Tewksbury Methodist Church announces the following services and activities: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., the new Bible Class will get under way at the home of Mrs. William Howell. Thursday, 7:00 p.m. The Building Planning Committee will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Palmer, on Mystic Avenue, followed by the meeting of the Finance Commission. Saturday, 7:00 p.m. The Senior Choir will meet for rehearsal and plans will be made for a party. Sunday, 9:45 a.m. Church will meet, with classes for children and youth at the church, and the new class for adults will meet at the parsonage. 3:15 p.m. Junior Fellowship, and later the MYF will meet to go to Woburn, to be the guests of the Woburn Methodist Youth Fellowship. Evening worship will be at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Fellowship Group at 8:30 p.m.

Everett, Pa., Press: "A town without a railroad is about as much handicapped as a house without a front door."

New York (IES) - Business-like New York Port Authority promotional activities account for the lean pickings other east coast ports are getting.

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PROBATE COURT.
To all persons interested in the estate of Edith Barbara Grossmann late of Wilmington in said County, deceased.

The administrators with the will annexed of said estate not already administered have presented to said Court for allowance their first account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of January 1954, the return day of this citation.

Witness, John C. Leggat, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of December in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

John J. Butler, Register.
D-30-J-6-13

"BEHIND THE SCENES IN AMERICAN BUSINESS"

by Reynolds Knight

New York, Last week began with a drop in stock prices on the New York Stock Exchange, and the Wall Street oracles began telling one another that 1953 was the big defense year.

Looking at appropriations, which run by fiscal years from July 1 to June 30, this may be correct. Looking at actual spending, which is what fills the pockets of workers and the tills of merchants, calendar 1954 will not sell a sharp drop-off in defense or other federal outlays. Assuming that Secretary Wilson puts through his program of reducing armed forces personnel by 10 per cent, and that Congress is as hard-boiled about foreign aid as Secretary Dulles has been predicting, actual spending will fall by three or four billion dollars.

That isn't a great deal. Continued spending by industries to bring plants up to date will be one great offsetting factor. Another will be local government spending.

The small merchant and the wage-earner will notice one unhappy difference between spending by his home town, or county, or state, and the same amount of spending by the federal government. Uncle Sam borrows to spend, and then he borrows more to pay interest. Smaller government units, because of the tax-exemption on their bonds, borrow original sums more cheaply. But then they start right away taking it back from the taxpayers. Local taxes are going up in 1954.

Corporate Santa — One of the nation's leading corporations chipped in this year on a Chicago youngster's Christmas presents — and will do so again for nine more years.

This example of a kind of generosity not usually expected of a large corporation had its origin when little Raymond Geist, 2, chanced to be the millionth person to ride on a rubber moving sidewalk. The B. F. Goodrich Company, which installed the world's first moving walk in its exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, hit on the idea of commemorating

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To Harry L. LaFleur and Alice R. LaFleur, both of North Wilmington in the County of Middlesex, Auto Owners Finance Company, Incorporated, a Connecticut corporation duly organized and existing by law and having an usual place of business in Boston in the County of Suffolk, and The Somerville Bank, a Massachusetts banking corporation duly organized by law and having an usual place of business in Somerville in said County of Middlesex, and to all whom it may concern: Arlington Five Cents Savings Bank, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Massachusetts and having an usual place of business in Arlington in said County of Middlesex,

claiming to be the holder of a certain mortgage covering property located on Oakdale Road in said North Wilmington, being Lot 15 in Block F on a plan entitled, "Plan Wilmington Acres, North Wilmington, Mass., Owned & Developed by John D. Cooke, dated December 1946, Merrill A. Brown, C.E.", recorded with Middlesex North District Deeds in Book of Plans 70, Plan 58, given by Harry L. LaFleur and Alice R. LaFleur, husband and wife, dated January 21, 1952 and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 1187, Page 72, has filed with said Court a bill in equity for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale, to seize certain real property covered by said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure or seizure, you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in the office of the Clerk of said Court at Cambridge on or before the first day of February, A.D. 1954, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure or seizure is invalid under said Act.

Witness, John P. Higgins, Esquire, Chief Justice of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of December, A.D. 1953.

Charles T. Hughes
Clerk.

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Charles T. Hughes
Clerk

Raymond's feat by giving him transportation toys each year. The presents started this year with six toys of kiddie-car size, and the toys will grow with the boy for ten years.

C. O. DeLong, president of B.F. Goodrich's industrial products division, remarked that by the time Raymond is 12 the millionth or ten-millionth person to ride a moving sidewalk will command little attention, because by then such installations will be commonplace, transporting millions of persons into and in large buildings and rail and airline terminals.

THINGS TO COME — Paint rollers, heretofore the special tool of the do-it-yourself home artisan, get into industrial maintenance with a new, large, heavy-duty roller kit. Free-moving gears that actually turn have shown up, gold or silver-plated center, in earrings, tie clasps or cufflinks for your industrial love. The gap in your draw-cord draperies which always develops as the cord stretches with use can be eliminated. There are now draw cords of glass fibers. A Missouri pipe maker offers a concomb camouflaged to look like a briar. A bleached white cheff's hat, adjustable to any size head, costs only \$12 a dozen.

NEW HOMES FOR OLD — The gas appliance industry, which has achieved a banner sales record in 1953, is not disheartened by the fears of some building industry observers that the pace of new home building will slow a little in 1954.

"Although building of new homes, which may come close to 1,000,000 in 1954, is a major source of appliance and furnishing business," said Sheldon Coleman, president of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, "the majority of gas appliance sales in 1953 were to old homes being turned into new ones by remodeling."

Obsolescence in kitchens, laundries and heating plants threatens more than 22 million homes in the United States which are more than 30 years old, Coleman pointed out. These, he said, should provide the principal market for gas appliances for at least five years, as well as giving considerable impetus to related industries.

Extension of gas pipelines into the Northwest, and their expansion in the populous East, Coleman said, should enable the gas utility industry to continue its expansion rate of a million new connections a year for several more years.

CROP CONTROL — Department of Agriculture figures on last fall's pig crop, and the upcoming spring crop, point a moral for all the minds which are struggling with controls for basic crops.

The only controls on pigs are the controls of supply and demand. In the first half of 1953, the price of hogs on the hoof at Chicago went down more than 5 cents a pound. So the fall pig crop — usually about a third of all pigs littered — was off 10 per cent. During the last half of

the year, prices at Chicago crept up about 3 cents a pound. Now farmers tell the Department they intend to breed about 4 per cent more pigs in the spring than they did last spring.

Considering the permanent investment that must be made to go into the pig business, swings of 10 per cent on the small crop and 4 per cent on the big one are large. And it was all done with the help of market quotations.

BITS O' BUSINESS — Secretary Wilson got nowhere with his plan for small orders and frequent reorders of machinery and trucks for the armed forces. Too much temptation for the buying brass to make small changes in specifications, say the builders. A New Jersey court upheld fair trade pricing on goods bought outside the state for resale. Stiffening prices for Douglas fir are a good omen for construction volume in the new year.

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MRS. COOMBS
 (Editors Note) The following letter has been received by the Crusader. Since it so well describes the lady

about whom, and to which it is written, we are happy to be able to print it, for our readers.

North Wilmington, Mass.
 Dec. 30, 1953

Dear Emmie:

As we were saying good bye to you just now at your home it occurred to me our thoughts are more than ordinarily compounded of a certain wistfulness and envy and a little less of the usual sorrow. Ready, if ever, and certainly not among us, does one leave for a while as you are doing with so many who can say it would have been highest privilege to have been chosen to go along with you.

Dear heart, kind friend, thoughtful neighbor. Happiest in your home midst three generations dear to you. Kindly disposed in far more than the usual sense to not only those who were your intimate friends but to new or casual friends

as well. A thoughtful neighbor through numberless acts in the spirit of the Second Commandment. No one can know how many burdens have been lightened by the thoughtfulness of your birthday greeting cards. For countless years to come the groups with which you worked so tirelessly and so faithfully, and in particular the Ladies Benevolent Society of the Congregational Church, will feel the strong influence of your devotion. The Church itself and its new Parish House both the tangible structures and their spiritual life are and forever will be richer for your generous participation woven eternally into the pattern of their usefulness and thus to this and to all generations of the Parish.

Your calm courage, your exceptionally strong character are an inspiration. Not the least has been your patient acceptance of the sympathetic companionship in later years and often far from home of a devoted spouse whos heart sometimes far exceeded yours. You knew it. And you let him do it. That helped both his heart and yours. Aren't we always happiest when we are thinking of and doing for others? It is hard to think of anyone being nearer to God than you. Perhaps that is why you liked that hymn so well — Anyway Emmie, and even those of us who are a little younger will always think of you thus, next week, next month, next year and yes always there will be things to remind us of your half raised hand in affectionate greeting or farewell — we will remember it always — it was so much yours and yours alone.

Affectionately,
 A Neighbor

AUTO ACCIDENT AT LAKE AND MAIN STREETS

A nine year old girl, Alice Blackburn, Newland avenue, Wilmington, passenger in a Pontiac sedan, suffered a reported broken nose, at 9:50 p.m., Dec. 31st, in an accident on Main street, at Lake street. The girl was a passenger in the car of John P. Heehan, 463 Livingston street, Tewksbury, which car was involved in a crash with a truck operated by Kermit Von Kahle, Summer street, Tewksbury, and owned by his father. Von Kahle told the police that his truck was stopped, because he had run out of gas.

KNOCKS DOWN TRAFFIC LIGHT

The traffic light, at the corner of Lowell street and Woburn street was knocked down, at 10:35 a.m. New Years day, by a car driven by George Casaletta, 184 Webster street, Malden. There were no injuries, and the car was towed to a local garage.

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FEBRUARY 14 NAMED HEART SUNDAY

The highlights of the 1954 Heart Fund Campaign in Wilmington will be a four-hour neighborhood canvass on St. Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, it was announced yesterday by Chairman, Joseph J. Sottile.

"Volunteers will visit neighbors' homes on Sunday afternoon between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. to receive Heart Fund donations, Mr. Sottile said. "Heart neighbors will be enlisted during January, and I sincerely hope that each citizen who is called will be willing to give an hour or two to his or her time to help the great Heart Fund cause."

"Heart donations support the Massachusetts Heart Association's year-round program of Research, Education and Community Services of an applied research nature. Only through public support can we hope to conquer heart disease — the nation's number 1 health problem."

"Great progress has been made in the control of diseases of the heart through the use of medicine and through surgery. It would be sad, but not quite so serious, if heart through the use of medicine aged. But heart disease kills and cripples children, young people, and middle-aged, as well as the elderly. Heart Fund donations on Heart Sunday will give new hope to hearts — all hearts — your heart," Mr. Sottile concluded.

THREE INJURED IN SHAWSHOEN AVE. ACCIDENT

Richard Gately and Doris Gately, of Webster Ave. North Woburn, and Lorraine H. Coughlin, 39 Winter street were slightly injured when a Chevrolet sedan driven by Donald M. Coughlin, 39 Winter street, Arlington failed to make the curve, on the approach to the Shawsheen avenue bridge, at 2:10 a.m. on January 1st. The three injured persons were taken to the office of Dr. Hosmer, where they were treated.

Coughlin, the driver of the car, told the police that he had failed to make the curve, while driving East on Shawsheen avenue, Sgt. Side-linker investigated for the Wilmington police.

STOLEN CAR FOUND ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

An Oldsmobile Sedan, with a New York license plate, was found abandoned on South Main street, at 6:50 p.m. Dec. 31st. The car was on property owned by Joseph App, who reported to the Wilmington police that it had been parked there since the evening before. It was towed to Gildart's garage, from which place it was claimed by the owner.

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FAMILY PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY SANITATION (No. 1 in a Series)

A rainy-day project which would safeguard the health of millions of American families in a disaster has been outlined for the nation's homemakers by the Federal Civil Defense Administration.

The project: A simple home-preparedness program against disruption of family food, water and sanitation facilities in case of an enemy attack or in natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes and tornadoes.

FCDA, in cooperation with the Public Health Service, has compiled a checklist of what homemakers can do about emergency food, water and sanitation. The agency stresses the importance of making these simple preparations before disaster strikes:

1. Store right now the extra drinking water that your family might need. Don't wait for an emergency. When emergency occurs, drink only water or other liquids that you know are safe.

2. Know how to turn off the water service valve if necessary, and learn where to get water for emergency drinking, cooking and washing if your outside supply fails.

3. Be prepared to purify water for drinking purposes in your own home, if necessary.

4. Keep a 3-day food supply on hand, and replace the things you use to keep your stock fresh or in good condition. In emergency, eat only safe foods prepared only under safe conditions.

5. Know what you can eat or drink safely. Avoid using foods or liquids that might be contaminated.

6. Keep emergency garbage in tightly-covered containers until collection and disposal services can be restored by health authorities. If the emergency lasts for several days, bury your garbage.

7. Provide for the disposal of human wastes in covered containers in the event flush toilets are not working. If the sewerage system is out for more than a few days, dig an outdoor latrine. Never expose human wastes to disease-carrying insects or animals. That's how epidemics start.

8. Learn how to make soil bags for emergency use if your other sanitary arrangements fail.

9. Be ready to take care of frozen foods and refrigerated food supplies if the gas and electricity are shut off. Eat or cook such foods before they spoil. Don't refreeze any frozen foods that have thawed without cooking them first.

10. Don't listen to rumors about

warden and other civil defense authorities.

You should keep your food where it will be safe from contamination. Most kitchen cabinets, pantries or closets have doors that close tightly enough for safety.

The booklet, FCDA Publication H-11-1, "What To Do Now About Emergency Sanitation at Home," is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., for 15 cents.

Next: "What You Need for Emergency Sanitation."

CONSERVATION STAMPS NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED

Washington, D. C. - The 17th annual Wildlife Conservation Stamps published by the National Wildlife Federation are now being distributed from Federation headquarters in Washington.

The 36 stamps in the 1954 edition include full-color illustrations of 14 species of North American birds, five mammals, five fishes, seven wild flowers and two trees, the red admiral butterfly, a timber rattlesnake and the Anderson tree frog.

They were painted by four noted nature artists. Roger Tom Peterson, the Federation's art director and best known for his illustrated "Field Guide to the Birds," contributed nine of the birds, ranging from the lordy



WING ROAD

A small development, near the new school, on Buck's Hill, is Wing road. Pictured are several of the homes on this road. (Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)

Canada goose and the popular bobwhite to the colorful scarlet tanager. He also painted the butterfly and some of the wild flowers.

The five mammals—black bear, walrus, gray fox, wood rat and coati—were painted by Francis Lee Jaques, for many years staff artist of the American Museum of Natural History. Jaques also contributed the fishes, five of the birds and the trees.

Some of the wild flowers were done by Leslie Ragan, one of America's foremost travel-poster artists. Michael Bevans, youthful New Jersey illustrator and a newcomer among the Wildlife Stamp artists,

contributed the rattlesnake and tree frog.

Over 600 species of American wildlife have been portrayed in the National Wildlife Federation stamps since the series started in 1938. Reproduced by six-color lithography, the stamps are distributed by mail to individuals throughout the country. They are the means by which the non-profit Federation finances not only its own activities, but lends assistance for conservation projects sponsored by affiliated state organizations.

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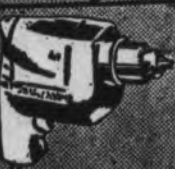
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SALEM STREET, IMPROVED DURING THE PAST YEAR

During the past year, the emphasis on the road building program has been to do the job that would do the most good. In this program the streets that prove to be the "thoroughways" are the ones that are getting the work done. As part of his program, Adams street extension was improved, so as to provide better traffic conditions for the Parker street area, and Faulkner avenue was rebuilt, so as to connect the Silver Lake section with the western part of North Wilmington.

On Salem street, in North Wilmington, an important regrading and widening of the street was accomplished. Photographed above is the street as it now appears, near Martin's Brook. The bridge over the brook was widened 14 feet, and sharp grades were cut down. Oiling of the highway will take place next spring.

(Polaroid photo in a minute by Wilmington Crusader)

THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

The meeting of the board of selectmen, Monday evening opened with a suggestion from Charles H. Black, chairman of the board, that the selectmen consider the possibility of using all or part of the "Sweetzer" lot of land, 43 acres, off Burlington avenue for a school site. He pointed out that a school is bound to come, eventually to that area, and that the site is almost ideally located. The discussion brought out the fact that there was no suitable plans of the area, and TM Cushing was given the task of finding some, if possible.

Black also suggested that the board consider another Selectman's sale of Tax Title land, in the near future, as soon as conditions permit. After some discussion Selectman Woods moved that Paul Emmons, Esq. be authorized to prepare for the sale, and this was voted.

A discussion of purchasing policies came up, when the town manager reported that he had investigated the price of a certain item. He had investigated solely for the Selectmen's benefit, he stated, in order that they have an idea of the price. Black wanted to know if he had asked any local dealers, and the answer was that he had just asked a salesman who had happened to be in the office, but without any commitments. In a discussion about whether or not a local dealer could get the item Selectman Lyons declared that the fairest thing to the town was to get it at the best

price, and Selectman Black declared himself in favor of favoring local trade. Selectman Lawler stated "We should get it from the local businessman, if possible - at least we should lean a little".

A long discussion was had about a proposed business, with no definite results. It was decided to ask the individuals concerned to prepare a sketch, and to present other pertinent data to the board. TM Cushing was commissioned to get the data.

Mrs. Wavie Drew was commissioned to represent the Board of Selectmen, at the weekly luncheon of the Wilmington Rotary Club, on Jan. 6th, at which time a film will be shown which has been prepared about "inducing industry to move into communities". Officials of other towns have been invited, Cushing reported.

Under a discussion of legislation, the TM reported that a bill (H-1328) had been introduced into the legislature attempting to establish a minimum pay law for police officers in cities. The Selectmen voted unanimously that it was their opinion that the legislature should not stick its nose into municipal business, and authorized the town manager to speak for the Selectmen, for home rule.

Post office service

Cushing reported that Henry J. Porter, postmaster of Wilmington had stated that extension of the RFD route to Strout avenue, Wing Road and the lower part of Main street had been approved. "It is

almost certain that Lowell street to the Reading line, and West street, which is now served by the Reading carrier, will now be served by Wilmington".

Bus service

Cushing reported that he had again attempted to get expanded bus service, this time from the Greer plant to the center of Wilmington. No favorable results were obtained. The bus company told Cushing that it felt it imprudent to expand its service, in the face of increasing use of private vehicles, and a decline in the use of public carriers.

Stop Sign

The State Department of Public Works will approve a stop sign, at the intersection of Marion street, and Burlington avenue, when the Board of Selectmen have voted to amend the "Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Wilmington" adopted July 17, 1939, so as to include the above intersection. Cushing told the Selectmen.

Route 28

Cushing made a lengthy report on the probabilities of the new route for Route 28. (a full account is carried in this week's Crusader - Ed). He also reported that the Board of Public Works, in Reading believes the route through Wilmington is "satisfactory and engineeringly sound".

Parking Lot

The Boston & Maine Railroad desires to turn over the parking lot, near Wilmington square to the Wilmington Grain and Building Materials Company. Cushing was of the opinion that he should withhold an agreement until adequate parking facilities can be obtained adjacent to the commercial center of the town.

Snow Removal

TM Cushing reported that he had again made a request from the state for additional assistance, under Chapter 84 of the General Laws, for snow removal on certain streets of the town.

Gravel Pits

Cushing read to the Selectmen a long set of requirements, prepared by the Town of Reading, Board of Appeals, for a gravel pit in that town, with the inference that something like that would be good for Wilmington. The Reading paper provided for a public hearing, for certified plans and elevations, limitation of physical operations and number of vehicles used, a satisfactory bond, from an approved bonding house, and a specific termination date of permit.

This brought on a discussion, during which Mrs. Drew stated that she wasn't too much in favor of the regulations. She thought that the present by-laws covered the situation, and that enforcements could come through them. "If a man has a gravel pit, and wants to sell out of town, he should be permitted to". Mr. Lyons indicated that he was in favor of something like the regulations that Cushing read, and Chairman Black stated "I think we should have something".

Lawler stated that there was "a very great need - not just as they have been read, but something like it". He suggested that the TM prepare something for the town, and for the selectmen's approval. "I kind of doubt that we ought to restrict the removal of gravel from the town".

Check for \$600

Cushing reported that the town had received a check, for \$600, for settlement for damage to the Wilmington police cruiser in an accident on Sep. 9, 1949. The check had been received in time to be included in the 1953 accounts, he stated. At the same time he stated that the Town Counsel had been instructed to proceed to collect some other money due to the town.

Finance

Cushing stated that he understood the Town Accountant will have the balance sheet of the town ready on January 20th, so that the Town Manager's complete budget will be available at the next Selectmen's meeting after that date. He had informed the Chairman of the Finance Committee, he stated, of this fact, by letter.

GIRL SCOUTS VISIT MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Girl Scout Troop No 104 went on an all day touring trip to Boston on Tuesday December 28th, the highlight of the trip was a visit to the Museum of Science. Taking the trip were scouts Ruth Cutter, Dorothy Sanborn Nancy Cutter, Judith Conder, Celia Spear, Ruth Sussenberger, Angela Sanborn.

The trip was enjoyed by everyone very much. Accompanying the girls were Troop Mother Mrs. Stephen Gaudery and Mother leader Mrs. William Sussenberger.

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POMONA GRANGE TO VISIT WOBURN

Officers and members of the Middlesex Essex Pomona Grange have been invited to visit the Woburn Grange, on Monday Jan. 11th. The officers are to fill the chairs, and present programs.

BOARD OF HEALTH TO MEET TOMORROW

The Wilmington Board of Health

is to have its meeting of the new year, tomorrow at 7:30 pm, in the Town Hall.

TOWN SANITARIAN'S HOURS

Patrick Thebeau, sanitarian of Wilmington, has announced new office hours. The town sanitarian will be in the Town Hall every day from 9 am to noon, five days a week, with the exception of the third and fourth Mondays of the month.

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Failure to signal change of movement.
Failure to slow down for pedestrian.
Failure to stop after knowingly causing property damage accident.

Failure to stop for red light.

Improper passing.

Operating with improper brakes.

Speed too fast for conditions.

Uttering false statement on application or to an officer.

Violating law of the road or established rules and regulations.

One Point Each For:

All other violations, except parking violations, but including operating motor vehicle with improper equipment other than brakes.

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, ETC.

Now that the time is approaching for the annual town meeting, which is to be held on March 13th, a Saturday, we expect to be having a number of questions about how to register, how to prepare an article for the warrant, or how to become a candidate for town office. Let us answer these questions now, insofar as they can be foreseen.

A voter becomes registered, by appearing before the Town Clerk, and signing the Register of Voters. The Town Clerk is at this time also acting as Clerk of the Board of Registrars. The Town Clerk will register any person who wishes to become a voter on any day that the town hall is open, which is usually Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Last day for registration, before the annual election is on February 13th, which falls on a Saturday. The town hall will be open, at that time, from noon to 10 p.m., for the purpose of registering new voters.

In order to qualify for registration as a voter, a person must be (a) a native or naturalized citizen of the United States, (b) a resident of Massachusetts for one year, and (c) a resident of Wilmington for six months.

Perhaps you want to be a candidate for town office. In order to do so, you must file nomination papers. Nomination papers may be had from the Town Clerk, and on those papers you must specify the office for which you intend to run, and you must have the signatures of 35 voters, registered in Wilmington. These signatures must be the same as they appear on the voting list.

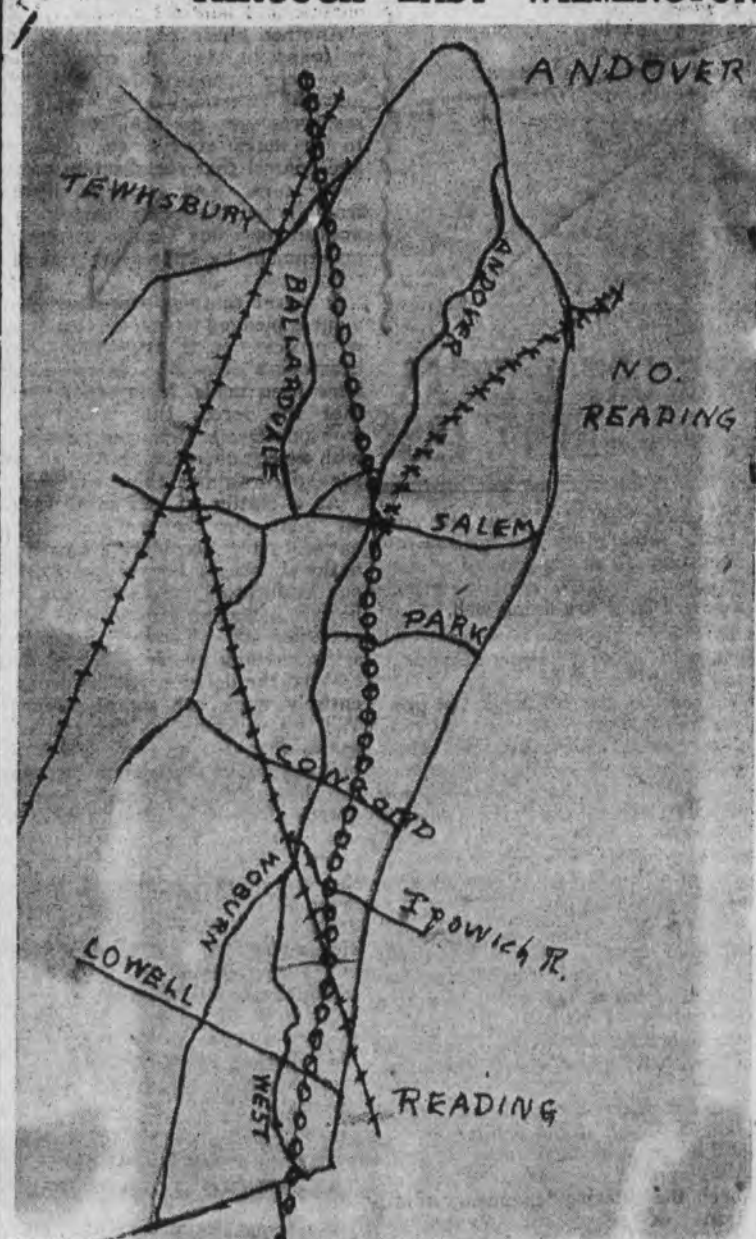
Nomination papers must be presented, for certification (of the signatures of the voters) to the Board of Registrars at least 35 days before the annual town meeting. That means, here in Wilmington, that they must be presented by January 30th. However, in Wilmington, January 30th will be too late this year, as that date falls on a Saturday, so that the papers must be submitted by 5 p.m. January 29th. These papers will be received by the Town Clerk, as Clerk of the Board of Registrars.

After certification, the nomination papers must be filed, by the candidate, with the office of the Town Clerk, at least 28 days previous to the town election. The date, this year, is February 6th, but because this will be a Saturday, it follows that the papers must be filed by 5 p.m. February 5th, at which time the Town Hall closes for the week-end.

If, after filing, the candidate changes his mind, and wishes to withdraw his name he can do so by appearing before the Town Clerk within 24 week-day hours, that is within three days, and submitting a request which must be duly acknowledged by the candidate.

Election, this year will be on March 6th, and the annual Town Meeting on March 13th.

GOOD CHANCE FOR SUPER HIGHWAY THROUGH EAST WILMINGTON



ROUTE OF PROPOSED HIGHWAY

Sketch of East and North Wilmington, showing route of highway proposed by Commissioner John Volpe, of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. Route proposed by Volpe runs in general line as shown by circles, although it may vary to take care of local conditions. Route is one of two alternatives, the other being through Reading and Andover, to the east of the present Route 28, and no decision has been made as to which route will finally be taken.

The route marked by crosses, leading over towards North Reading and Andover from a point near the junction of Salem street and Woburn street is an alternative, proposed in case the northern end of the highway is to go towards Haverhill.

Volpe emphasized that the routes proposed were only tentative sketches, and that no local surveys had been made, which might alter the route.

Persons who attended a hearing, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, under Commissioner John A. Volpe, held last Wednesday at 100 Nashua street, in Boston, gained the impression that there was a good chance that a new proposed superhighway would go through East and North Wilmington.

There was present, at the hearing, about 80 legislators, town officials and other interested people, including Dean C. Cushing, Town Manager of Wilmington, and state representatives Frank Tanner and Charles A. Wilkinson of Reading.

The hearing was to enable the Commissioner to get the views of the various officials, concerning the feasibility of two alternate routes, to the present Route 28, which runs from the Wellington bridge in Somerville, through Stoneham, Reading, and Andover centers, to Lawrence. Both alternate routes were marked out on a chart, available for inspection. The westerly alternate was several miles to the west of the present Route 28, and led through Wilmington, starting near West street, at the Reading-Woburn line, and keeping to the eastward of West street, and Woburn street, through North Wilmington. At about Brown's crossing, in North Wilmington the route led to the Westward, across Rattlesnake hill, and then into Andover. The eastward route led through the Great Cedar swamp, in Reading, and on up through North Andover, in part, the Harold Parker state forest.

Commissioner Volpe was very careful to say that neither of the routes had been fixed upon, and that the route proposed might be considered at the center of a tract about one-half mile, with the new road being anywhere in that tract. He estimated that the easterly route, if it were chosen, might cost in the neighborhood of \$25,750,000 including land damages, and the westerly route might cost about \$24,500,000.

The only representative group that favored the complete western route was one from Methuen. Several of this group described how the present Route 28 "cuts" the town of Methuen into two parts, and the fact that the never ending traffic on the present route makes it very difficult to cross from one part of the town to the other. They were also very anxious to have another bridge built across the Merrimack river which would happen if the westerly route were chosen in its entirety.

A group from Haverhill wanted the easterly route, especially at the northern end. They had no complaint with the route going to the west side through Wilmington, and suggested that it might then cut over, through North Reading, to the east of Route 28. The Haverhill group wanted a bridge built south of Lawrence, across the Merrimack. In this they were seconded by a group from North Andover, who, however, described their town as having considerable difficulties, in the way of choosing a proper route.

Lawrence people attending the hearing were in favor of two bridges, one above and the other below the city, across the Merrimack, but Volpe was very careful in his statement to this group not to make any such promise.

The discussion about the northern end of the route was the only place in which a difference of opinion occurred. No person spoke for the easterly part of the route, except where it approached North Andover and Haverhill. Dean C. Cushing, Town Manager of Wilmington, told Comm. Volpe that the town of Wilmington owned a considerable amount of the land through which the western route was proposed, and that he knew the town would co-operate in seeing that the land would be made available to the state, if the state chose to go through that way.

Representatives of the town of

Reading also approved of the route as laid out to go through Wilmington, after which, they suggested, it might switch over to the other side of the present Route 28.

Commissioner Volpe told the listeners that this project was "one of the earliest that should be done". He made no promises as to the location of the new route, but described it as a four lane highway, with a central division, and limited access, such as Route 128 now is. He was careful to say, on several occasions, that even though some lines had been drawn on the chart, there had been no local surveying, and that whichever route, or combination of routes were chosen, the route might be some distance away from the present line.

Representative Longworth, from Essex County asked several questions concerning the financing of the proposed highway. He stated that under the previous administration there had been a \$200,000,000 bond issue, for highways. In the proposal for this bond issue about 100 different superhighways had been named, and it appeared that all of them, including the new Route 28, would be built with the money. Actually, it built only a small part of the proposed system, Longworth complained.

Volpe told Longworth that he had nothing to do with the way the Legislature had passed the past bond issue, and that he couldn't predict what the Legislature would do with a new issue, but, as far as he was concerned, he would specify what roads were to be built, when he asked for money. There would be a definite allocation, he stated, and no vague promises. Volpe mentioned the sum of \$500,000,000 as being one that he might ask for, in a bond issue.

Several Tewksbury officials, led by Selectman Joseph Whelan were present. Whelan told Volpe that the Tewksbury group favored the western route, because of available land along the abandoned Boston & Maine road bed (Salem & Lowell railroad), which would make an ideal location for a new highway through Tewksbury.

In closing the meeting, Commissioner Volpe told the various officials that further meetings would be held, to study the routes, and that the problems of the individual communities would be considered later.

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The earliest enlistment on record was that of Stephen Bowden on May 7, 1798. Records show that 20 other Marines enlisted prior to the establishment of the Marine of the Marine Corps later that year, but there were probably many times that number. By June 15 orders had been issued to recruit two other detachments of Marines for ships that were purchased.

The appointing of officers and the enlisting of Marines during this period was done much the same as during the Revolutionary War. Detachments were formed for duty on board particular vessels without regard to any central organization.

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CROSS & STEWART REPORT INCREASE IN REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY DURING 1953

A statement issued to this paper by Robert R. Cross of the real estate firm of Cross & Stewart declares quite frankly that he attributes the tremendous industrial and home building boom currently being enjoyed in Wilmington to the untiring efforts of the Town Manager, Dean Cushing.

Mr. Cross and his partner Frederick Stewart of Burlington both look forward to another banner year and are quite optimistic about the future.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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HOW STRONG ARE WE?

As a new year begins, it is the part of wisdom for a nation, like a business, to review its assets and its liabilities.

On the credit side, the United States has an unrivaled standard of living. Our men and women enjoy wages and working conditions superior to those existing anywhere else. The tide of goods and services

that flows endlessly along the American production and distribution line staggers the imagination. Materially speaking, business, agriculture and labor are doing well.

We have a political system which comes as close to being responsive to the wishes of the people as any one can conceive of. In the last presidential election the people removed from power a party which had been in control for 20 years and put another in its place. In some future election the party now in power will be replaced. But no heads roll; no purges are held; the losers are not liquidated. All are free to air their views.

We are no longer actually at war, unsatisfactory as the Korean situation is. If recent reports are correct, our military strength and that of Western Europe have shown remarkable improvement. The chance of another world war is less than it was.

So much for the credit side of the ledger. What of the debits?

The most disheartening domestic development of recent times has been the growing dependency of millions of people on government, mainly the federal government, to provide services and benefits that, if a free system is to be preserved, must remain the responsibility of the individual and the family group. There has been a blind seeking for a kind of cradle-to-the-grave security whose end, in the sweep of history, has always been the sap-

ping of moral fiber and spiritual values and ultimate slavery. The most obvious manifestations of super-government are crushing taxes and mounting national debts, and the inevitable undermining of economic and political freedoms.

Another phase of the debit side is found in the long strides that have been made in either socializing outright American enterprises and resources, or in subjecting them to so much government dictation and control that socialization comes ever nearer. And socialism, historically, is but the forerunner of communism or some similar system of government by oppression and terror.

It is true that our present government is pledged to reverse this deadly process. It is true that some heartening steps in that direction have been made. It is equally true that the forces that would destroy our free system and replace it with a very different kind of system are still awaiting their chance.

As a matter of self preservation we must put the welfare of the nation first in considering important national issues, because our jobs, our businesses, our farms, and our liberties depend upon the perpetuation of a strong nation of self-governing people.

What the decision will be depends entirely upon our moral strength. Will we welcome policies and programs that are in accord with the philosophy of maximum freedom for all—and will we accept the temporary financial dislocations that such policies and programs may create? It will not be easy to end the era of do-all, give-all government. But, if the traditions and ideals to which we all pay lip service, and which have made us great and strong are to be preserved, it is as necessary as the air we breathe.

Nineteen fifty-four will be a year to test whether the American people will have what it takes to maintain themselves as independent individuals.

FEDERAL FARM INCOME TAX SCHOOL TO BE HELD

A one-day training session will be held for all persons who assist or advise farmers in preparing and filing their income tax returns. This school will be guided by Mr. Cleo F. Jaillet, Office of the Director of Internal Revenue, Boston, who will instruct in procedures of reporting federal farm income taxes. He will also instruct in matters concerning Social Security for farm workers.

The School for Tax Consultants in this area will be held at the Essex County Agricultural School in Hathorne, Massachusetts, on January 4, Monday, at 1:30 p.m.

Further information to be considered will be: recent changes in income tax regulations, forms to be used, depreciation, capital gains and losses, etc. Questions asked by members of the school will be answered by Mr. Jaillet.

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